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Soil fertility management

In order to support the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences, specialists of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with a representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) completed a business trip to the city of Bokhtar, Khatlon region, on October 6 this year.

During the visit, the delegation got familiarized with the actual state of the soil analysis laboratory and met with specialists and employees of the Experimental Soil Reclamation Station of Vakhsh under the Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry of TAAS.

Support for this station is provided to implement the objectives of the project to improve the management of soil fertility and precision agriculture. The implementation of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project will contribute to the development of soil science and agrochemistry.



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**CONGRATULATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTION IN HONOR OF
THE STATE LANGUAGE DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN**

The Tajik nation is proud of its culture and centuries-old civilization, and accordingly all cultural values have been preserved and are recognizable through language.

Emomali Rahmon

The celebration of Language Day is one of the blessed phenomena of the state independence of Tajikistan, which, like our other ancient national traditions, is solemnly celebrated every year.

State independence not only contributed to the preservation of the originality of the Tajik language, but also created the necessary conditions for the development, improvement, expansion and enhancement of its status. In particular, the merits and efforts of the Founder of Peace and National Unity, the Leader of the Nation, the President of the country, the Honorable Emomali Rahmon in maintaining the purity and integrity of the state language are unrivaled.

Today there are 7,100 different languages in the world, and only 100 have been given official status.

Although Tajik language is ranked 23rd among 7100 different languages of the world, its importance, value and status are increasing day by day.

Therefore, each of us needs to protect this national shrine, which is the expression of our destiny, the source of pride and honor, the basis of eternal unity of our people, the proud guardian of the treasures and riches of our culture – our native language, the language of the civilized and ancient people of Tajikistan.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to sincerely congratulate all of you, dear colleagues, as well as all noble people of our country on the State Language Day. I wish you health and pride, productive work, happiness in life and unique achievements.

Sincerely,
Director Satori D. A.

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CONSULTING SERVICES

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Republic of Tajikistan

State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”

Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU)

**Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project
Additional Financing (SRASP AF)**

IDA (International Development Association) Grant No: E1450-TJ

Title of the consulting assignment: International Consultant to support activities carried out within the framework of Implementation of the Program for the creation National revolving fund for premixes.

Reference Number: SRASP-373865-CS-INDV

The project aims to support the GoT in successfully transitioning to a sustainable, more productive, climate resilient, and inclusive model of agricultural sector growth.

The project will help to:

- Increase the availability of improved seeds, seedlings, and planting materials that are climate resilient, affordable, farmer-preferred and well adapted to the different agro-ecological conditions of Tajikistan;
- Improve the access to improved agri-logistic services of farmers and agri-businesses; and

Strengthen the crisis management, i.e. early warning, preparedness and response capacity of selected public institutions. All activities related to human resource development and capacity building will include topics on understanding climate change better and frameworks, tools, and techniques to facilitate designing and implementing climate adaptation and mitigation approaches. All infrastructure, including buildings, offices, laboratories, and storage facilities, constructed and/or rehabilitated by the project, will be encouraged to utilize energy-efficient and climate-resilient materials and designs. The proposed project aims to thereby strengthen the foundations for more resilient agriculture sector, which will in turn help improve food security and nutrition and accelerate agricultural diversification. It will also contribute to the development of a viable sector of private micro, small and medium enterprises in rural areas and generate employment opportunities for women in regions with few legal alternatives.

The purpose of this request

The purpose of the assignment is to hire International Consultant to support the activities carried out within the framework of Implementation of the Program for the creation National revolving fund for premixes. The assignment would be with the following specific assignments:

- The Consultant should gather data and information on the current status of the revolving fund, its goals, objectives, and challenges. This analysis can involve reviewing existing documents, conducting interviews with stakeholders, and exploring best practices in similar contexts.
- The Consultant should identify and engage relevant stakeholders involved in the revolving fund. This can include fund managers, beneficiaries, government officials, and potential investors. Understanding their perspectives and interests will be crucial in developing a strategy that is inclusive and effective.
- The Consultant should organize a workshop to bring together all the key stakeholders. During the workshop, the Consultant should present the findings from the analysis and facilitate discussions to gather input, suggestions, and feedback. This collaborative approach will ensure that the strategy and action plan reflect the collective wisdom and experience of the stakeholders.
- Provide support to the various state-owned enterprise partners involved in the implementation of the program to establish an International fund for premixes, as well as the preparation of draft orders, reports and other necessary documents on flour fortification.
- Provide technical support to working groups in conducting surveys, assessments and focus groups to be organized as part of the program to create an International fund for premixes.

- Together with the staff of the SRASP PMU, participate in discussions of various working groups, which consist of specialists from various ministries and agencies, dedicated to the issues of flour fortification and nutrition programs in general, as well as the program to create an International fund for premixes.
- Conducting need assessment and preparing a report on a Model acceptable to Tajikistan for the creation and capitalization of the National Revolving Fund of Premixes.
- Participate in the organization of trainings, workshops and events related to the program to create an International fund for premixes.
- Provide direct assistance and assistance in the work of a national consultant on the program to create an International fund for premixes.
- Establish and maintain communication links between the public sector, millers, international organizations and NGOs working in the field of flour fortification;
- Coordinate discussions with the various partners involved regarding the establishment of an internal and external monitoring system for flour fortification, an International fund for premixes, and the next necessary steps.
- Support the SRASP PMU in the development of various communication materials to raise public awareness of the benefits of fortified flour;
- Ensure timely and high-quality implementation of all planned activities;
- Provide monthly reports on activities carried out, lessons learned and plans for the next period of time.
- Holding and participating in meetings with International partners to discuss the program for the creation and implementation plan of the International fund for premixes.

Qualification requirements:

Minimum requirements for candidates:

- Master degree in management, economic, technology and/or law or any other related field;
- At least 10-year experience and proven track record in financial and legal analysis and advisory services.
- Extensive international experience with investment/revolving funds;
- At least 3 years of professional experience in the preparation of regulations on food safety, quality or food production technology;
- Good knowledge of English. Knowledge of Tajik and/or Russian languages is an advantage;
- Regional experience preferred.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following link):

https://aedpmu.tj/en/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/final_t0r_international_cons_rf_eng.pdf

The consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016; revised in November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest."

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 17:00 local time.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the e-mail address below on or before **17:00 hours local time on October 27, 2023**. Questions (or requests for clarifications) can be sent to the below email address **on or before October 23, 2023**.

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Project Management Unit (SI AED PMU).

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DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS OF GRAIN AND FERTILIZERS HAS STARTED

On September 30 of the current year, specialists of the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" started distribution of seeds of quality wheat of elite group to seed farms of the Republic for autumn sowing in 2023 within the framework of the 1st component of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project.

The high-quality wheat of the elite group is certified and adapted to the climatic conditions of Tajikistan. This is the second year in which beneficiaries have widely used a variety of good quality seed and highly appreciated it.

Distribution of wheat seeds and mineral fertilizers (Urea, Ammonium nitrate and Superphosphate) started in seed farms of Sughd oblast: including CC "Chorkukh" in Isfara, farms "Nurobod", "Yakatut", "Garavat-4" and "Pakhtakor-2007" in Spitamen district, farms "Shahjahan" and "Khamrakul Ismailov" in Zafarabad and farm "Libbek" in J.Rasulov district. This step is continued in seed farms of RRS, Khatlon oblast and GBAO.



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**AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS ON GRIEVANCE
MECHANISM AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” under the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project to ensure transparency of project activities and relations with beneficiaries, establishes a grievance mechanism at local, regional and national levels.

In accordance with the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On appeals of individuals and legal entities” and the requirements of Article 10, paragraph 10.1 of the official document on environmental and social management, the procedure for consideration of citizens’ appeals on this project provides for the establishment of the commission.

The Commission for consideration of appeals of individuals and legal entities will be established by the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, executive bodies of state authorities of RRS, Khatlon region, Sughd region and GBAO.

Also, in accordance with the plan, periodic meetings are held to inform the public about the consideration of appeals and complaints of the involved parties of the population of the specified cities and districts.

On this basis, the public organization "Umedbakhsh" was also engaged to establish a mechanism for handling complaints and appeals, under a contractual agreement with the project. Project staff together with the public organization "Umedbakhsh" and representatives of the executive body of state authorities of cities and districts held 33 meetings, and currently such activities continue in Sughd region.

Meetings started on 07.08.2023 in Khatlon region and were held in 33 cities and districts of the republic, including 9 meetings in cities and districts of republican subordination, 21 in Khatlon region and 3 in GBAO.

Such meetings were attended by 1009 beneficiaries and representatives of executive bodies of state authorities of cities and districts, including 228 women.

List of participants in the information and dissemination campaign in the pilot districts for the implementation of the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project

№	Cities and regions of republican subordination	Date of conduct	Number of participants	
			Overall	Including women
Khatlon region				
1	Bokhtar	07.08.2023	15	3
2	J.Balkhi	07.08.2023	28	3
3	Vakhsh	08.08.2023	25	6
4	Kushonion	08.08.2023	31	13

5	Panj	09.08.2023	33	12
6	Dusti	10.08.2023	45	6
7	Kubodiyon	10.08.2023	26	3
8	Shahrtus	11.08.2023	47	17
9	Yovan	12.08.2023	30	9
10	Khuroson	14.08.2023	42	5
11	A. Jomi	14.08.2023	29	6
12	Dangara	15.08.2023	34	5
13	Baljuvon	16.08.2023	40	7
14	Khovaling	16.08.2023	39	7
15	Muminobod	17.08.2023	45	12
16	Sh. Shohin	18.08.2023	26	9
17	Kulob	18.08.2023	33	9
18	Vose	22.08.2023	21	7
19	Temurmalik	22.08.2023	37	7
20	M.S.A.Khamadoni	21.08.2023	29	10
21	Farkhor	21.08.2023	35	7
	Total		690	163

Cities and regions of republican subordination

22	Lakhsh	13.09.2023	31	4
23	Tojikobod	13.09.2023	26	3
24	Rasht	14.09.2023	34	8
25	Nurobod	14.09.2023	26	2
26	Sangvor	15.09.2023	36	11
27	Fayzobod	18.09.2023	24	3
28	Vakhdat	18.09.2023	39	6
29	Tursunzoda	19.09.2023	28	6
30	Khisor	19.09.2023	17	9
31	Total		261	52

Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast				
32	Shugnon	13.09.2023	16	6
33	Rushon	13.09.2023	20	4
34	Vanj	14.09.2023	22	3
	Total		58	13
	Overall		1009	228



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Mutually beneficial partnership for industrial development

In order to implement the Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project aimed at strengthening the foundations of sustainable agricultural supply of the Republic, a memorandum of mutually beneficial cooperation was signed on 29.09.2023 between the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" and the State Unitary Enterprise "Center for Digital Development and Advanced Training of Agricultural Personnel".

At the same time in the process of realization of this Memorandum the parties will carry out their activities in accordance with the current legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The parties intend to establish even more cooperation in the future to improve the information base and achieve sustainable agricultural development.



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**NCB Contract Award Notice
Tajikistan
IDA GRANT #E-1450**

**PROJECT: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR
PROJECT (SRASP), ADDITIONAL FINANCING**

Bid/Contract Reference No: SRASP AF/G/RFB-2023/02

**Scope of Contract: Procurement of Potato seeds for vulnerable
farmers**

Contract Signature Date: 20/09/2023

Evaluation Currency: TJS

Awarded Bidder:

Name: LLC "Hisar Group"

Address: 9 Jabbor Rasulov street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: TJS 9 450 000.00

Evaluated Bid Price: TJS 9 450 000.00

Contract Price: TJS 9 450 000.00

Evaluated Bidders:

Name: LLC "Taj Et"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: TJS 10 342 500.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

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IDA GRANT #E-1450

PROJECT: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR PROJECT (SRASP), ADDITIONAL FINANCING

Bid/Contract Reference No: SRASP AF/G/RFB-2023/09

Scope of Contract: Procurement of mineral fertilizer for pea and flax seeds for vulnerable farmers

Contract Signature Date: 18/09/2023

Evaluation Currency: USD

Awarded Bidder:

Name: LLC "Sherzod Taminot"

Address: Kalot village, Dahana jamoat, Kulob town, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 1 052 296.00

Evaluated Bid Price: USD 1 052 296.00

Contract Price: USD 1 052 296.00

Evaluated Bidders:

Name: LLC "Mahmadsharif"

Address: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 1 087 940.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.

Name: LLC "Sezam"

Address: Dangara district, Tajikistan

Bid Price at Opening: USD 1 050 168.00

Reason for Rejection: Due to non-compliance with the tender documents requirements the bidder proposal was rejected.